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1. ENGLISH MAINICHI DAILY NEWS MARCH 28 CARRIES STORY BY WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT SAITO REPORTING THAT " AMERICAN GOVERNMENT SOURCES" REVEALED MARCH 26 THAT IMPERIAL VISIT TO US LIKELY TO TAKE PLACE IN OCTOBER. SAITO ALSO REPORTED THAT " ACCORDING TO WELL-INFORMED SOURCES" WHITE HOUSE IS NOW WAITING FORMAL GOJ REPLY AND THAT WHITE HOUSE HAD INFORMED TOKYO THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS EARLY IN MARCH OF SCHEDULE WORKED OUT BY US. TOKYO SHIMBUN SAME DAY ALSO CARRIED REPORT THAT STATE DEPARTMENT HAS DECIDED TO FORMALLY REQUEST IMPERIAL VISIT IN OCTOBER.

2. THESE STORIES PROBABLY WILL ADD TO CONTINUING SPATE OF LOCAL PRESS SPECULATION CONCERNING IMPERIAL VISIT. EMBASSY INTENDS TO ADHERE TO POSITION INDICATED PARA 3 REFTEL. IN RECENT CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR, DIRGEN AMERICAN AFFAIRS BUREAU OKAWARA AGAIN REITERATED SENSITIVITY OF THIS MATTER AND GOJ DESIRE TO DISCOURAGE CONTINUING PRESS SPECULATION.

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